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Before undertaking the examination of the above noted application,
Applicants hereby request the following:

I. AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

- Please amend claims 1, 7 and 8 to read as follows:

- A1
1. (amended) A method for finishing a metal article, comprising the steps of:
 - a) placing said metal article in a finishing apparatus in combination with:
 - i) a chemical solution capable of reacting with the surface of said metal article to convert the surface of said metal article to a softer form, and
 - ii) a non-abrasive media; and
 - b) agitating said metal article, non-abrasive media, and chemical solution in said finishing apparatus until a desired surface property of the metal article is reached.

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7. (amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the surface property is superior to that produced by non-abrasive ceramic media or other abrasive media.

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